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### Featured Internet Sites:

#### Digital Preservation Management: Implementing Short-term Strategies for Long-term Problems

<http://www.library.cornell.edu/iris/tutorial/dpm/>

This "tutorial will introduce you to the basic tenets of digital preservation. It is particularly geared toward librarians, archivists, curators, managers, and technical specialists." Topics include terms and concepts, obsolescence, and challenges. Also includes a bibliography and a timeline dating back to 1950 that "highlights key events, projects, publications, and technological changes affecting the use of digital technology and efforts to preserve it." Searchable. From Cornell University Library.

#### Google Partners With Oxford, Harvard & Others to Digitize Libraries

<http://searchenginewatch.com/searchday/article.php/3447411>

Balanced assessment of "a massive scanning project that will bring millions of volumes of printed books into the Google Print database" by digitizing older out-of-copyright materials from the shelves of partnering libraries (University of Michigan, Harvard University, Stanford University, Oxford University, and the New York Public Library). Also includes links to other sources for full-text books online. Written by über-librarian Gary Price for the newsletter Search Engine Watch.

#### Google Zeitgeist

<http://www.google.com/press/zeitgeist.html>

Track "search patterns, trends, and surprises according to Google." Features top popular searches across the board as well as in categories such as celebrities, musicians, seasonal topics, and more. Includes an annual summary and timeline, and archived weekly and monthly search reports back to 2001.

## **10 X 10: 100 Words and Pictures That Define the Time**

<http://www.tenbyten.org>

This site displays a new collage each hour of one hundred ranked images and words harvested from the news at Reuters, the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC), and The New York Times Web sites. It "leaves a trail of these hourly statements which, stitched together side by side, form a continuous patchwork tapestry of human life." Includes an archive and links to sources.

### **Article Alert:**

#### **1 The Top 10 Library Stories of 2004**

**(American Libraries, December 2004, Vol. 35, Iss. 11, pp. 26 - 31)**

Tumbling budgets and closed doors marked 2004 as a year in which libraries across the country were asked to do more with less and sometimes buckled at the prospect. Counteracting the bad news, library use continued to rise, as did librarian salaries, albeit at a lower rate than those of other professionals. New facilities continued to open, culminating with the spectacular new central public library in Seattle and the unveiling of the Clinton presidential library. Meanwhile, ALA President Carol Brey-Casiano made "grassroots advocacy" her theme, and the first Advocacy Institute is scheduled to take place next month during the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Boston. (E)

#### **2 Online Programming Can Be a Library OASIS on the Internet**

**(Computers in Libraries, Nov/Dec 2004, Vol. 24, Iss. 10, pp. 18 - 24)**

Lori Bell, director of the Mid-Illinois Talking Book Center and Thomas E. Peters, founder of TAP Information Services, feature OPAL, the software that lets an innovative group of organizations hold live online programs where viewers from around the world, abled and disabled, can interact in real time. Moreover, initial usage proves that their vision of Online Programming for All Libraries is more than just a mirage. (E)

#### **3 E-Rate Program on Hold**

**(Information Today, December 2004, Vol. 21, Iss. 11 pp. 17 - 20)**

The federal E-rate program was established in 1996 as part of a broad effort to bring high-speed Internet access to schools and libraries around the country, particularly in rural areas. Under the program, schools and libraries can receive grants that cover up to 90% of their Internet service and telecommunications costs. The \$2.5 billion program is considered a success. USAC processes more than 35,000 applications per year for new and continuing E-rate support. Until recently, the only significant glitch in the program was the Children's Internet Protection Act, which requires all public school and library E-rate recipients to install and use filtering software on their Internet-accessible computers. Recently, however, a more significant series of glitches has ground the program to a halt. (E)

#### **4 The Reference Evolution**

**(Library Journal, November 15, 2004, Vol. 129, Iss.19, pp. 10 - 13)**

When it comes to academic reference, students and faculty have chosen, and their choice is digital. The Library Journal/Trendwatch Graphic Arts academic reference survey shows

that users prefer the convenience and added features of electronic reference products and that academic library reference budgets have spiked upward to meet this demand. But while academic libraries report that they now spend nearly 61 percent of their reference budgets on e-resources, print isn't going quietly. (E)

### **5 Lessons School Librarians Teach Others**

**(American Libraries, December 2004, Vol. 35, Iss. 11, pp. 46 - 48)**

The school library media specialist has stepped up to the professional plate as a primary policymaker, staff trainer, and expert on information and technology ethics in schools. Here, Doug Johnson director of media and technology for the Mankato (Minn.) Area Public Schools, discusses major ethical challenges they face on a daily basis.

### **6 Twenty Ways for All Librarians to be Successful with e-Learning**

**(Information Outlook, December 2004, Vol. 8, Iss. 12, pp. 42 - 45)**

Stephen Abram, current president of the Canadian Library Association, presents twenty tactics that libraries should investigate to achieve successful complementary services for e-learning and distance education. These include developing new partnerships with persons of different profession, learning and adopting the emerging common standards in the industry like SCORM and XML, and adding discovery mechanisms for learning objects. (E)

### **7 Moving Beyond Metasearching: Are Wrappers the Next Big Thing?**

**(Library Journal, November 15, Vol. 129, Iss. 19, pp. 21 - 23)**

Michael Bieber, associate professor of information systems, New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT), is leading a group of information scientists and librarians in a project that provides a new way to think about integrating objects in the digital library-from search results in an EBSCO database to a library catalog to photographs in a digital archive. (E)

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